

WEEKLY REPORT
Region 9
Environmental Protection Agency
Week of March 31, 2017
Superfund Division

Highlight of Past Week

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(Contact: Jeremy

San Gabriel Valley Vapor Intrusion Sampling (South El Monte): Superfund site team members Viola Cooper and Rebecca Connell traveled to South El Monte the week of March 20 to conduct VI indoor air sampling in selected homes adjacent to the source area at Hi Tone Cleaners. This activity was to confirm that the recently placed air purifiers installed in the affected homes are working to clean up the indoor air. (Contact: Viola Cooper, x2-3243, Rebecca Connell, x7-4278)

Tucson International Airport Area (TIAA) Superfund Site (Tucson, AZ): The EPA TIAA team is holding a public meeting on March 30 on the Area A North of Los Reales Road Proposed Plan. The meeting will be attended by all of EPA's partner agencies, including ADEQ, and the site's responsible parties. The public comment period on the proposed plan runs until April 21. (Contact: Sarah Cafasso, x2-3076)

Halaco: EPA provided an update to City of Oxnard councilmember Bryan MacDonald and EPA HQ staff on efforts to find a use for some or all of the 900,000 tons of waste material at the site. We plan additional testing over the next 9 - 12 months to evaluate the performance and environmental safety of concrete made using the waste, which contains aluminosilicate compounds with pozzolanic (cement-like) properties. The councilman remains supportive of EPA's efforts. (Contact: Wayne Praskins, x2-3181)

North Indian Bend Wash (Scottsdale, AZ):

Deliberative Process (b) (5)

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(Contact: Carolyn d'Almeida, x2-3150)

Motorola 52nd Street Site, Operable Unit 2 (Phoenix, AZ): Honeywell and NXP (formerly Motorola) have completed installation of the 32 soil gas sample probes for the OU2-wide vapor intrusion investigation. Sampling locations include the Arizona State Mental Health Facility, State Correctional Facility complexes, and school locations. Each sample location includes a shallow and deeper sampling depth, except 3-4 locations where gravels were encountered at the deeper depth. The soil gas sampling and step-out sample point installations - if needed - are scheduled to begin the week of April 10 using real-time, field methods. (Contact: Rachel Loftin, x2-3253)

Eureka Smelter, Eureka, NV:

Deliberative Process (b) (5)

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(Contact: Tom

Significant Items for Next Week

Iron King Mine/Humboldt Smelter (Humboldt, AZ): RPM Jeff Dhont, CIC Heather Parker, and OSCs Marty Powell and Chris Weden will travel to Dewey-Humboldt, AZ next week to hold a briefing for the Town Council and conduct an EPA public meeting regarding the residential soils removal action. The action memo amendment has been signed and funding has been secured for this action, which will remove soils at about 35 residential yards with elevated levels of lead and/or arsenic. Efforts to secure property access agreements, field setup, and secure borrow source material will begin this month. RPM, OSCs and contractor staff will also perform field reconnaissance of yards on this trip. An EPA fact sheet has been mailed to residents to accompany this outreach. (Contact: Jeff Dhont, x2-3020)

Press Stories, Significant Policy, Regulatory, or Legal Actions (2-3 weeks out)

Grant Announcements

Legislative Engagement

Travel, Training, Public/National Meetings, and Speaking Engagements

RichmondBuild Graduation (Richmond, CA): On March 31, Nova Blazej will speak at the graduation ceremony for graduates of the RichmondBuild environmental training program. RichmondBuild is a recipient of the Brownfields Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training program. Graduates will work on redevelopment projects in the Bay Area, including solar panel installation on a former Chevron brownfield site. (Contact: Nova Blazej, x2-3846)

Brownfields Cleanup Project - Yuba River Charter School Groundbreaking Event: Clements and Byous of the Brownfields & Site Assessment Section gave remarks at a groundbreaking ceremony on March 30 for the Yuba River Charter School. EPA Brownfields provided \$600K in cleanup grants for a former burn dump that will be the site of the Yuba River Charter School. EPA's funds were the only source of government funding for the cleanup. The cleanup grant leveraged almost \$10M to build the school. (Contact: Eric Byous, x2-3531)

30-60 Day Outlook

Other Information

Division Director Schedule: Internal Personnel (b) (2)

Internal to Region 9

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